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Wind Industry Applauds U.S. Senate Passage of Renewable Energy Credits

Randall Swisher, Executive Director of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), issued the following statement upon Senate passage of the financial rescue package, which includes a one-year extension of tax credits for wind and other renewable energy sources.

“Our members are very pleased by the Senate’s overwhelming vote of support for the renewable energy tax credits. Continuing this economic incentive means wind power companies can continue to supply an increasing percentage of U.S. electricity needs with a clean, cost-effective source of energy.

“We’re also gratified to have bipartisan support, which is absolutely essential if we as a nation are to make progress on our energy challenges. We look forward to favorable consideration in the House of Representatives.

“Wind energy producers are proud to be part of America’s energy and climate solution, and proud of the thousands of jobs we provide at a time of economic turmoil and uncertainty.”

AWEA is the national trade association of America's wind industry, with more than 1,600 member companies, including global leaders in wind power and energy development, wind turbine manufacturing, component and service suppliers, and the world's largest wind power trade show. AWEA is the voice of wind energy in the U.S., promoting renewable energy to power a cleaner, stronger America. More information on wind energy is available at the AWEA Web site: www.awea.org.